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SUBJECT: US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL

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1. SINCE 1961 US HAS ENFORCED STRICT ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST USE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES BY EITHER SIDE IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA. ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT FURNISHED TO PORTUGAL SINCE THAT TIME HAS BEEN FOR USE ONLY IN EUROPE, AND HAS BEEN PROVIDED ON RECEIPT OF ASSURANCES FROM GOP THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USED OUTSIDE NATO AREA WHICH, BY DEFINITION, EXCLUDES ALL OF AFRICA.

2. NEVERTHELSS, ALLEGATIONS ARE FREQUENTLY MADE THAT US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT IS BEING USED BY PORTUGUESE FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE, ANGOLA, OR PORTUGUESE GUINEA. USG HAS IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VESTIGATED EACH CASE WHERE MATERIAL ALLEGED TO BE OF

US ORIGIN WAS FURNISHED TO US, AND IN EVERY CASE MATERIAL DETERMINED TO BE PRE-EMBARGO OR OF OTHER THAN US ORIGIN. THUS WE REMAIN SATISFIED ALLEGATIONS WITHOUT MERIT.

3. MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PORTUGAL HAS BEEN AT OR BELOW ONE MILLION DOLLAR LEVEL FOR SEVERAL YEARS, A FIGURE WHICH IS LESS THAN ONE QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT

OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY BUDGET. PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME SPARE PARTS AND TRAINING DIRECTLY RELATED TO IMPROVING PORTUGUESE NATO CAPABILITIES PRIMARILY IN AIR DEFENSE AND ASW OPERATIONS.

4. SHAW'S REFERENCE TO \$435 MILLION IN ASSISTANCE REFERS TO 1971 AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION OF US BASE RIGHTS IN AZORES. STATE 011003 BEING REPEATED TO YOU PROVIDES BACKGROUND THIS SUBJECT WHICH MAY BE USEFUL IN REFUTING SUCH MISREPRESENTATIONS. RUSH

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